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MISSION C236C

21 DECEMBER 1966

PRE-MISSION INTELLIGENCE SUMMARY FOR MISSION C236C

1. This is a pre-mission intelligence summary of data pertinent to Mission ~~C236C (Route 2007)~~.
C177C (Route 2014).
2. This mission will come within range of at least three MIG-21s based at Mengtzu Airfield. In addition, there are twenty MIG-19s based at this field. It is expected that at least some of these aircraft will react to the mission.
3. No surface-to-air missile sites are known to be located anywhere within lethal range of the flight path. The Chinese are known to move their limited SAM equipment frequently, however, and it is possible that a SAM site may be located somewhere in the area. The best estimate of where it might be would be in the vicinity of Yunnani Airfield where about forty-five North Vietnamese jet fighters are stored.
4. Twenty-three high priority COMOR targets are planned for this mission. ~~Five of these require data base coverage.~~
All of the targets are military facilities--most of them barracks areas. There are four airfields in the target list but none of them are operational Chinese airfields. One of them is a storage airfield for North Vietnamese jet fighters.

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TARGETS FOR MISSION NO. C236C

TARGET NAME
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TARGET NAME	CTRY	Base Line Since 1 March	Surveillance Added to Base Line	Most Recent Coverage
Che Li Military Activity	CH	14 May	0	14 May 66
Lao-Chang Poss Mil Areas	CH	21 Apr	0	21 Apr 66
Keng Ma Army Barracks	CH	23 Mar	0	23 Mar 66
Shuang Chiang Army Barracks	CH	28 Mar	0	28 Mar 66
Mang Shih Army Bks., S. (Lu-Hsi)	CH	20 Apr	2	3 Oct 66
Teng Chung Army Bks., W	CH	17 Oct	0	17 Oct 66
Pao Shan A/F	CH	14 May	0	14 May 66
Yung Ping Military Area	CH	14 May	0	14 May 66
Ta Li Hq 14th Army	CH	23 Mar	1	14 May 66
Hsia Kuan Bks. + Hq 42 Inf Div.	CH	23 Mar	2	14 May 66
Mi Tu Army Bks., and Supply (Hsin Cheng)	CH	28 Mar	0	28 Mar 66
Pei Tun Airfield	CH	14 May	0	14 May 66
Yun-Nan-I Airfield	CH	14 May	0	14 May 66
Pu Erh Mil. Barracks (Ning-Erh)	CH	21 Apr	0	21 Apr 66
Ssu Mao Airfield, North	CH	21 Apr	1	14 May 66
Ssu Mao Military Area	CH	21 Apr	0	21 Apr 66
Meng Pan Mil. Camp	CH	22 Apr	0	22 Apr 66
Meng La Army Barracks, West	CH	19 Mar	1	22 Apr 66

NO BASE LINE COVERAGE

Man Nai Army Barracks (Meng Hun)	CH			14 Nov 65
Fo Hai Army Barracks, South (Meng Hai)	CH			23 Nov 65
Chin Pien Mil. Area (Lan Tsang)	CH			
Lin Tsang Army Bks., + Hq 40th Inf Div. NE	CH			14 Nov 65
Meng Peng Prob Mil Barracks	CH			

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OPERATIONAL DATA

DISTANCE	:	2927	1685
TIME	:	7+29	4+23
DENIED TIME:	:	2+42	2+43
T/O FUEL	:	1429	1020 GALS
HI CONE	:	155	175 GAS
ENTRY ALT	:	69,500	69,000 feet
PROFILE	:	Maximum Altitude	

VULNERABILITY ESTIMATE

No confirmed operational surface-to-air missile sites are known to be within lethal range of the flight path. However, the frequent movement of Chinese Communist SAM equipment precludes an absolute assessment as to whether a SAM will be encountered. Several fighter reactions are expected. The nearest MIG-21s are located at Mengtzu about 150 miles east of the flight path of this mission.

TARGET DATA

Twenty-three high priority COMOR targets are included in this mission. ~~Of this number five require data base coverage.~~ All of the targets are military facilities. Four of the targets are military airfields but none of them are operational Chinese fighter airfields. One of them is a storage airfield for North Vietnamese jet fighters. This flight route has not been flown previously but other U-2 missions which have covered segments of the area are as follows:

C036C - 28 March 1966
C126C - 14 May 1966

HIGH RESOLUTION SATELLITE PHOTOGRAPHY

Only two of the targets have been covered in high resolution satellite photography since May 1966. The limited satellite coverage of the two targets was acquired in October 1966.

COORDINATION MESSAGES

1. Request for NPIC to search track for SAM Sites. (1)

2. NPIC's report of the search of latest photographs available along the mission route for SAM sites. (2)

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3. Mission details coordinated with [REDACTED] (3)

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4. [REDACTED] approval of the mission. (4)

5. Mission details coordinated with JRC/JCS. (5)

6. Intelligence summary of AOB, ROB, GOB in the area of the mission. (6)

7. Mission details coordinated with RTG if required. (7)

8. RTG approval of the mission if required. (8)

(1) [REDACTED] 25X1A
(2) [REDACTED]
(3) [REDACTED] 1302 25X1A
(4) [REDACTED]
(5) OPCEN 1301, OPCEN
(6) [REDACTED] 1305
(7) [REDACTED] 1305
(8) [REDACTED] 2695

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